

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 04/15/09

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Empower Out-of-School Youth Contract 09/10

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Recommend the renewal of the EMPOWER Older Youth contract with the addition of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and forward to the WIB for approval.

DISCUSSION: Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)/ Regional Occupational Program has a contract with Merced County to provide workforce development services and activities to Workforce Investment Act eligible, out-of-school youth, ages 17-21. The contract will expire September 30, 2009 at a total contract cost not to exceed \$597,231. Through Youth Council and Workforce Investment Board recommendation, the Board of Supervisors approved extending the current contract to accommodate the ARRA Summer Youth Employment Project to the end of September.

MCOE will continue to provide all required services and will serve an additional 70 participants with the ARRA funding. This new contract will run from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a total contracted cost of \$872,493. The contract amount is the combination of \$697,493 regular WIA formula funding and \$175,000 of ARRA funding.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A